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Applicants : Jean-Louis ESCARY  
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Title : NEW POLYNUCLEOTIDES AND POLYPEPTIDES OF THE  
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Examiner: : Bruce D. HISSONG  
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**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME;**  
**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed February 7, 2007 ("Office Action") Applicant submits the following Amendment and Reply. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the outstanding rejections set forth in the Office Action.

Applicant respectfully petitions for a two (2) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for responding to the Office Action bringing the time to file a response up to and including July 7, 2007, which is a Saturday, extending the time to reply up to and including July 9, 2007 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.7.

Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$225.00 to cover the fee for the two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). Applicant believes that no additional fees are due. However, in the event that a variance exists between the amount tendered and that deemed necessary by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") to enter and consider this Amendment and Reply or to maintain the present application pending, please charge such variance to the undersigned's **Deposit Account No. 50-0206**.

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This Amendment and Reply is provided in the following format:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2; and  
**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.